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U-G-BAKER
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SAYERS.

Mr. Editor, of course we understand that your paper is weekly but if our letter gets in bi-monthly we think we are doing splendidly.

Miss Alta Owens spent a few days in Brodhead last week the guest of her cousin, Miss Burdette Owens.—The rain was very much needed. We can almost see the crops growing.—Miss Iola Weaver, of Clarence, Kv., spent a few days with relatives here last week.—Will Owens has been practicing singing in our neighborhood on Sunday afternoons. Quite a number have been attending.

We meant to keep that fishing trip to Buck creek a secret but as one Mr. Vill H. Owens has been raising such a "kick" about what we said, we wish to state from the best authority that he was not, at any time, nearer the creek than the camp fire some distance away, and that he ate more and drank less than any one in the crowd.

The locusts have almost entirely disappeared and we cannot say we are sorry. There has been a great deal said about the peculiarity of this insect and still I know but very little about it after all.

Quite a number of native Kentuckians, living in other states, have taken advantage of "Home Coming" to visit relatives around here.

There is talk of having another singing convention near here, similar to the one held last year.—J. M. Cress bought of Dock Owens and Sayers boys some hogs, paying a good price.—W. H. Owens purchased a cow from James Bradley at a fair price.—Sam Gentry has returned to his home in Sumner, Ill., after spending a few days with relatives here. He is a native of Rockcastle, but for thirty two years has resided in Ill. this being his first visit home in eighteen years.—Mrs. Weaver and son, Smith, have been visiting relatives here. Also Mrs. Sallie Gentry, of Quail, spent Sunday and Monday here.—C. C. Miller will put in a spoke mill near here to cut the timber from the Seyer's tract of land.—Egbert Wallin was in this neighborhood a few days since looking for men to work in Sparks' quarry. We are sure he found very few idle men. It is quite interesting to compare wages and the demand for labor now with that of 1895. What is the cause? Ask the republican politician and he will tell you a republican administration. Ask the democrat and he will tell you, good crops etc. Who is right?

AN ALARMING SITUATION frequently results from neglect of clogged bowels and torpid liver, until constipation becomes chronic. This condition is unknown to those who use Dr. King's New Life Pills; the best and gentlest regulators of stomach and bowels. Guaranteed by all druggist. Price 25c.

LAND, STOCK AND CROP

Swine growers have no fear regarding the future of the hog market says the Breeders Gazette. No jagged aperture is to be knocked in the bottom thereof. Packers have a place to put hogs and all their bear performances are mere bluffs. Even those who have discredited the threats to put the market on a 5% and 6 cent basis have been surprised by their actions this week. Always, when corn is planted, the country liberates a float of hogs accumulated while field work is in progress, consequently the latter part of May and June are periods when buyers do business at a bargain counter. Announcement that they intended to do so this year was made, but there has been no occasion to put the stuff on the market at reduced rates. The country sent the hogs this week and killers bought them—licked the platter clean, so to speak. At Chicago 65,000 hogs went into the capacious maw of the packers in two days at 7½ a cent decline, a purchasing performance that spoke eloquently of packing town needs. At other markets supply was similarly heavy and as quickly gobbled. Confidence that present prices will be maintained is re-established. There may be a few dips but hogs are going to be worth the money.

BRODHEAD.

O. C. Wilmott, of Knoxville, Tenn., spent last Sunday with home folks.—Dr. W. E. Gravely has returned home after spending two month in Virginia.—Walter Miller, K. D. brakeman, spent Sunday with homefolks here.—Mr and Mrs. M. B. Salin, of Mt. Vernon, spent last Sunday here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson.—Woodyard J. Owens is pending this week in Louisville seeking rest and pleasure.—Cattie Frith has accepted a very lucrative position as traveling salesman, representing a Louisville clothing firm.—Miss Maud Forbes, of Level Green, is the charming guest of the Misses Hilton.—H. L. Sharpe visited his many friends and relatives at Riley's first of the week.—R. G. Wilmott was in Louisville last week mingling with the "Home Comers."—Wm. Francisco attended Federal Court at London Monday. The Fair Aug 15th containing 3 days. Keep it on your mind and don't fail to attend.—W. M. Kingsolving, of Mt. Sterling, is visiting his uncle, Dr. Percy Benton.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hutcheson and son, James Edward, are visiting at Harrodsburg and Owenton.—Jop Albright is at home for a few days from Lebanon Junction.—W. H. Benton and F. L. Nabors were down from Livingston Sunday calling on two of best looking girls.—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hilton, of Pine Hill, are spending a few day here with relatives.—A large crowd will attend the Masonic celebration at Crab Orchard tomorrow, (St. John's Day.)

AN EMBARRASSING ORDER—A man entered a well known restaurant in New York the other day and beckoned to a waiter. "Bring me," he said, "two fried eggs—one fried on one side, and one on the other." The waiter looked slightly puzzled, but answered, "Yes, sir." and disappeared toward the kitchen.

Ten minutes later he returned looking decidedly worried.

"Would you mind repeating that order, sir?" he asked.

"I want two fried eggs," said the diner, "one fried on one side and one on the other."

The waiter again disappeared in the direction of the kitchen. After a longer wait than before, he returned, his clothes disheveled and his face bruised and scratched.

"I beg your pardon, sir," he said, "but would you mind having boiled eggs? I've had words with the cook."—Harper's Weekly.

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ADJOINING COUNTIES

David R. Francis announced Monday at the Home-coming celebration in Madison county, his old home, that he will present Richmond a handsome bronze fountain, to be placed in the court house square. Many distinguished Kentuckians took part in the exercises. Home-coming celebrations were held in many counties in Kentucky Monday, and large crowds attended them all.

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FOR CONGRESS.

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subject to the action of the Democratic party.

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the Eighth Congressional District of Kentucky in Congress, to succeed Hon. G. G. Gilbert, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

HON. H. V. MCCHESNEY, present Secretary of State, has announced that he will be a candidate for Auditor, subject to the will of the Democratic party at the coming primary to be held in November. No officer in charge of the State's affairs has labored more faithfully to advance his special department and been truer to the trust imposed upon him than has secretary McChesney, and when the vote is counted, we believe that the voters will say "well done" enter thou into the joys of another four years.

GOV. JOHN M. PATTERSON, of Ohio, died Monday afternoon at his home near Cincinnati, where he was apparently on the road to recovery. He was a farmer boy who rose to the State's highest office, and in business as well as political circles he was one of Ohio's leading men. His health had been bad for several months.

MASTERLY SPEECH OF
HON. R. W. MILLER.

The following is the speech of the Hon. R. W. Miller, of Richmond, on the unveiling of the Foster Statute during "Home Coming."

"The sun shines bright in the old Kentucky Home," and in the fruitful richness of a radiant June, when, from every section of this Imperial Republic, the sometime gone, but always loved and unforgetting wanderers are gathered home again, and it is fitting, that called into being by the generous contributions of the children of the public schools—the little ones whose laughter makes home bright and whose abiding love fills this mortal life with more than mortal beauty—there should be dedicated a statuary statue to the memory of the man whose gentle genius caught the spirit of the Commonwealth and gave its noblest sentiment eduring sweetness in the lingering melody of a deathless song.

At the first note of the "Marsellaise" the Frenchman straightens for the charge. Amid the solemn cadence of "God Save the King," the Englishman bows to the accumulated reveries of centuries; at the swelling rhyme of the Star-Spangled Banner the eyes grow misty in the reflections of a patriot's longing for the dawn, and we salute the flag that carries a nation's history and is resplendent with the glory of its hopes. "Yankee Doodle" stimulates and "Dixie" stirs to madness, but one song, "The Old Kentucky Home," alone has the power to soothe the restless pulse of care and it comes like the benediction that follows after prayer. It voices a sentiment, it speaks a message, it stirs the deep wells of the heart as nothing else has power to do.

It conjures visions of a rich and radiant land, stretching out from swelling wave of river's role to the towering beauty of the mountain power; of tableland where life runs sweet, and all that's fair and pure and good makes ministrations into man; of spreading fields; of stately trees; of waving grain; of verdant green of matchless grass; of cattle feeding on a thousand hills; of woman's beauty and of manhood's strength, of stately homes, gleaming white through avenues of trailing trees—the center of a people's life, because still in the center of a people's love; of a unique and strongly wrought civilization, presenting the peculiar commingling of feudal tradition and Democratic history.

It voices the impulse of the heart. It speaks of firesides and of house-hold gods. Its music has enriched the world. Love hums it in a

whisper above the swinging cradle where the smile of sleeping childhood bears witness that it dreams it sees the angels passing; and blood-stained fields where moving armies thirst for blood, it has purged the heart of hate; in crowded cities heaving with thirsty lust and greed for gold; in the waste places of the earth; in the glory of the morning's kiss, in the mellowing shadows of the purple twilight; at home, abroad, in places familiar to the feet of man, and in the distant islands of sun-kissed seas, we hear it, and always and everywhere the eyes grow misty in the shade of unshed tears and the heart beats strong and true, responsive to the conscious call of home.

So it is fitting that to-day, when joyous whole-souled welcome makes glad the pulsing hearts of countless thousands, there should be here unveiled in tardy but devoted justice a statue to the memory of Stephen Collins Foster.

Peace and plenty smile upon a happy, a contented and a prosperous people. Science has harnessed nature to the service of humanity; art has been led captive to human comfort; material blessings have been showered upon us; thought receives its recompense, and labor has its honest wage; intelligence is multiplied; education is universal, and thus with peace prevalent, the law supreme; and liberty reigns, in the conscious courage of a deathless hope, the journey to a future beyond the reach of vision, saying to one another, as simply and as truly as it was said more than three thousand years ago, in that far-off meadow by the margin of a mystic sea—"Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God shall be my God."

Whilst all of this is true, in some strange way, the Kentuckian has always preserved his individuality,

never lost his identity, and we love to look upon him as a Saul among his brethren, so marked by physical, racial and temperamental characteristics that you may mark among a thousand. There must be reason for it, and I think that in his history we will find the causes that differentiate him from the most of men.

To day, well across the threshold of a century, for the sweep of whose enlarging visions the past affords no measure, this Commonwealth, founded in faith and builded in courage, faces a radiant morning, big with promise, bright with hope. It is a very precious privilege to be called to the kingdom for such a time—to be privileged to participate in the great movements that make for a broader and nobler material development, a more abounding and abiding destiny, a richer impulse and a deeper patriotic purpose, for loftier standards of public and of private life, for sterner tests of personal and corporate honesty, for civic righteousness and truth and justice, regnant and supreme.

And here to-day, in the hallowed associations of these happy scenes, recalling radiant days ahead, as we gather from the corners of the earth in loving communion in a place that will always be to all of us, somehow, a common home, the Kentuckian at home gives you this pledge, that, burying all the bitterness and rancor of the older days, bitterness and rancor there has been forgetting all that has been unjust, forgiving all that has been unkind, if any such has been; not in anger nor in strife, not in discord nor confusion, freed of faction and purged of selfish purpose, in a spirit of high devotion, with deep convictions and unfaltering faith, looking always up and never down, constructing, not destroying, in love and friendship and fraternity, we lay the honest and unselfish service of loyal and devoted hearts and lives on the common altar of our common faith, as we set the New Kentucky forward on her endless journey along a luminous highway, leading to a destiny beyond the reach of vision, within the providence of God.

POLITICS AND POLITICIANS

Chairman Byrley, of the Eleventh district, has issued a call for the Republican District Committee to meet in Barbourville on Monday June 25, to determine the time and manner of selecting a candidate to succeed Mr. Edwards. Hon. Wm. C. Black of Knox county, has announced his candidacy and there are others spoken of.

R. L. Pope, of Whitley county, has announced for the Democratic nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The Hon. June W. Gayle, of Owen county, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer.

Hon. John B. Thompson, of Harrodsburg, announces that he will be a candidate for U. S. Senator against Gov. Beckham and Senator McCrory.

President Roosevelt last week nominated the following Kentuckians to consular appointments: John R. Hamilton, Cornwall, Ontario; William W. Masterson, Batum, Russia; Chapman Coleman, Rebaix, France.

Judge Thos. H. Paynter, who will on March 4 next take his seat as United States Senator, will on August 1st send his resignation to Gov. Beckham as Judge of the Court of Appeals. Gov. Beckham will immediately appoint Circuit Judge John M. Lassing, of Boone county to the place. The appointment will hold until Nov. 1907, when an election will take place for the unexpired term.

SUBJECTS TO DISCUSS.

Hon N. B. Hayes, Attorney General has announced his candidacy for Governor of Kentucky and in the following card gives a few of the subjects which he proposes to discuss during his campaign:

"In the canvass which it is my purpose to make I shall show you wherein the present Democratic boss and machine has usurped the sovereign right of the people to select their own public servants; wherein this machine in order to intrench itself, permanently in power has created and multiplied useless and unnecessary offices for its favored few at the expense of the tax-payers and the toiling masses; wherein this machine has deliberately taken from the pockets of the people—the Treasury of the State—ten times the amount of money necessary to discharge a public service and obligation; wherein the appointment to office is to be made in consideration of a county's vote in a political convention, wherein this machine has increased the salary of many public offices both now and in expectancy, when there was no reason therefor, in order to secure an efficient public service; wherein this machine has prevented an equitable distribution of public money to the common schools of the State; wherein this machine could have saved thousands of dollars to the tax payers of the State by an economic administration of public affairs; wherein by reason of the increased value and the annual rise required by the State Board of Equalization, the people are paying almost double the taxes they did ten years ago, and, yet the constant and biennial cry of this machine at every session of the State Legislature is for more revenue. These wrongs call loudly for reform and retrenchment within the party; and the first requisite necessary to accomplish the same is to unharness the Democratic boss within the party and destroy his machine and teach him and such machines that the people of this State are greater than any boss or machine.

Respectfully,
N. B. HAYS."

NEWS ITEMS

The London Times' St. Petersburg correspondent says it is rumored that the Government is negotiating with Germany and Austria-Hungary for joint action in case there are uprisings in her western provinces.

The famous "Virginia Silver" mining case in which is involved the title to iron ore on the State lands now under lease, the value of which is estimated at \$10,000,000, has been argued and submitted to the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The House Friday adopted the lock type for the Panama canal by a vote of 110 to 36. The provision was made a part of the Sundry Civil Appropriation Bill, and which appropriated \$25,000,000 to continue the work on the canal.

Suit has been filed in the Franklin Circuit Court or State Fiscal Court by attorneys representing R. A. Marsee, a taxpayer of Bell county, in which plaintiff prays an injunction against State Auditor Hager to restrain him from paying to the Boards of Regents of the State Normal Schools, provided by act of the General Assembly at the recent regular session, the sum of \$10,000, which amount the law provides shall be paid upon the

location of the schools, for their equipment ready for occupancy. The petition was filed by Rhorer, Ainsworth & Dawson, of Bell county, through Attorneys Chin & Edelin, of the local bar. McQuown & Brown, of Lexington, have been retained to represent the regents and the Auditor, and the motion will be heard before Judge Robert L. Stout, sitting at Paris, about Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. The petition filed in this case raises the question of constitutionality of the legislative act providing for the establishment of two Normal Schools in Kentucky for the training of teachers for the common schools. The constitutionality of the act is called in question under the provisions of Section 184 of the present constitution. A paragraph of this section provides that "No sum shall be raised or collected for education other than in common schools until the question of taxation is submitted to the legal voters and the majority of votes cast shall be in favor of such taxation."

From the hasty preparations the Russian government is making to check the massacres at Balaclava, it is easy to infer that they are all over.

When Alex. Berkman and Emma Goldman were married the last time, they neglected to announce when the next ceremony would be solemnized.

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Harrodsburg, Aug. 7-4 days.

Fern Creek, Aug. 14-4 days.

Vanzeburg, August 15-4 days.

Columbia, August 21-4 days.

Shepherdsville, August 21-4 days.

Lawrenceburg, August 21-4 days.

Springfield, August 22-4 days.

Barbourville, August 22-3 days.

Guthrie, August 23-3 days.

Nicholasville, August 28-2 days.

Shelbyville, August 29-4 days.

London, August 29-3 days.

Florence, August 29-4 days.

Bardstown, August 29-4 days.

Somerset, Sept. 5-4 days.

Elizabethtown, Sept. 4-3 days.

Paris, September 4-2 days.

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A LESSON IN HEALTH.

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It looks as though "Mars Henry" had discovered a promising young man out in Nebraska.

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PERSONAL

J Fish was in Knoxville
Wednesday.

Mrs. Fannie Adams has returned
from Denver, Colo.

Marshal Smith has been very
sick for several days.

U. G. Baker spent Thursday in
Livingston on business.

Mrs. Carlos Menifee has been
very sick for several days.

Mrs. M. J. Miller, Jr., is spending
a few days in the city.

Burdette McKenzie continues
quite sick with rheumatism.

Mrs. L. W. Bethurum is visiting
her parents at Middlesboro.

Miss Bessie Mullins is visiting
her brother, Luther, at Corbin.

J. W. Baker, the Livingston
merchant, was here Thursday.

Miss Ida May Adams, of Shel-
man, Ga., is spending a short time
at home.

James Coffey, son of William
Coffey, of near Wildie, is in a very
critical condition.

Miss Cora Lear, daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. J. M. Lear, is very low
with consumption.

August Krueger, who has been
in Louisville for several months,
has returned home.

Miss Tauna Thompson is spend-
ing a few weeks with her grandmother
Mrs. W. M. Poynter.

M. L. Denham, L. & N. brakeman,
spent a few days at home
with his family this week.

Charley Cummins, of near Stan-
ford, spent Sunday here with his
sister, Mrs. S. H. Martin.

T. A. Stewart and Conn Brown
are in Chicago, where they will
probably spend the summer.

Judge I. A. Stewart, of De Land,
Fla., was one of the "Home Com-
ers" at Louisville last week.

Minor Fish is working in the
general office of the Southern Pa-
cific railroad at San Francisco.

Elmer Lechleiter, who was hurt
some time ago by falling from a
box car, is able to be out again.

Mrs. R. E. Thompson and son,
Bragg, spent a portion of the week
with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Poynter.

John H. Fish has been promoted
to Chief dispatcher on the Atlan-
ta division of the Southern railroad.

Mrs. A. W. Soward, of Barbour-
ville, spent several days with her
parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Car-
michael.

Mrs. Lou Boulware is with rela-
tives here. It is very likely that
Mrs. Boulware will become a resi-
dent of Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. L. B. Adams has returned
from Wilton and says that her son,
Jack, is in very poor health. He
will probably go West.

Cashier and Mrs. M. B. Salin
are visiting relatives at Owenton.
W. G. Smith has charge of the
Peoples Bank during Mr. Salin's
absence.

John Egbert Fish and wife, of
Texas, are with relatives at Wildie.
They came to the "Home Coming"
at Louisville. Mr. Fish is a son of
A. T. Fish.

Mr. Jesse Williams and grand-
daughter, Miss Katherine Wil-
liams, of Carthage Ill., are visiting
relatives here. Mr. Williams is
eighty-seven years old but looks
and gets about as if he were many
years younger.

G. P. Bain, of Barbourville,
traveling salesman, who is well
known to all our merchants, was
here yesterday. For nearly a
year he has been confined to his
room as the result of a run away of
his team, in which his right leg and
foot was mashed so badly that for a
long time it seemed that amputa-
tion was the only hope for his re-
covery. He still goes on crutches.

Hon. R. A. Tomlinson was over
from Lancaster yesterday on spec-
cial business.

Cashier J. W. Hutcheson and
R. H. Hamm of Brodhead were
here yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Smith, of
Libertyville, Ill., spent Saturday
until Monday with the family of
Mrs. Smith's brother, Cashier W.
L. Richards.

Mr. N. L. Kirtley, of Savannah,
Mo., a relative of Mrs. W. M.
Poynter, is spending several days
here. Mr. Kirtley left Rockcastle
about thirty-six years ago.

Mr. James Crawford, of Carthage,
Ill., a cousin of the late James
Crawford, of near Brodhead, spent
a few days here this week. Mr.
Crawford left this country fifty-five
years ago and had never visited his
boyhood home since.

Rev. A. J. Pike, A. E. Allright
and W. H. Sowder were here
Wednesday soliciting aid to erect a
new Baptist church at Brodhead
the old church being rendered unsa-
ble by a wind storm several
months ago. They met with very
favorable results.

S. M. Cummins, of Kansas, is
visiting his sister, Mrs. S. H. Martin.
Mr. Cummins left this country
when a very young man and is
now enjoying the reward of a wise
move. He has 500 acres of wheat
to harvest besides his other
crops.

Mrs. Reg. A. Freidrich, Mrs. Ru-
becca Newcomb and Mr. and Mr.
Charles Arnold Borle, of Cal.,
came to Louisville last week
They will come on to Mt. Vernon
as soon as Mrs. Newcomb, who is
eighty-five years old, recovers from
some slight injuries received by a
fall while en route.

LOCAL

Remember the dates of the Lan-
caster Fair, July 18, 19 and 20.

Read the ad. of S. B. Ramsey
which appears elsewhere in this issue.

Rev. J. C. Carmical will preach
at the Baptist church next Sunday
afternoon at 3 o'clock.

BORN:—To the wife of Millard
Hyden on June 20th, a girl christened
Jewel Cleo.

One hundred men wanted at
Sparks Quarry and Mullins Station
Good wages. W. J. SPARKS.

W. J. Sparks will pay \$1.65 per
day for sledgers and \$1.25 to \$1.50
for loaders and muckers, at his
quarries. Apply at once if you
want work.

Chint Lear was here Monday solicit-
ing aid to build a church near J.
M. Lear's place. It will be under-
nominal. He secured something like \$100.

Mr. Holland Kinley, of Pitts-
burgh, and Miss Sowder, a daughter
of Riley Sowder, of Pulaski,
were married yesterday. The Rev.
B. S. Davault officiated.

MARRIED:—A. J. Pike, a son of
Jesse Pike, and Miss Ethel Rich-
mond were married at the home of the
bride near Livingston Tuesday.
The Rev. Moherly officiated.

CLUBING OFFER:—Until further
notice we will furnish the Signal
and Weekly Courier Journal for
\$1.50 a year, or the Signal and
Louisville Herald (Daily) for \$2.00
Cash must accompany all orders
under this arrangement.

TAKEN UP:—Red cow, de-horned
with small hole in left ear and
bell on. Owner can have same by
proving her and paying expenses.
At my place near Parson's Store,
on old Richwood road.

J. H. DAVIDSON.

Tires set cold while you wait by
the latest improved, up-to-date cold
tire setter, the Mayers Machine.
The only Machine made in which
both heads come together at same
time, thus giving equal pressure on
each side of wheel. Dish Back
Wheels made good as new by this
machine. Every job fully guaranteed.

H. C. GENTRY,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

DIED:—Miss Georgia Hayes,
aged 19, died Tuesday morning,
after an illness of nearly a year,
of consumption. One year ago
this spring she had measles, which
settled on her lungs and she had
been gradually going down ever
since. She was a daughter of the
late Thomas Hayes, her mother is
Mrs. Mary M. Hayes, who used to
be Miss Mary Griffin, a sister of
Circuit Court Clerk J. F. Griffin.

The burial took place Wednesday
at the Hiatt burying ground after
short but appropriate services con-
ducted at the grave by the Rev.
G. F. Fish.

Bob Cooper, of the southern part
of the county, one of our well-to-
do and substantial citizens died
Wednesday morning, after an ill-
ness of only a few days.

J. Fish has definitely decided to
erect a concrete building and has
placed a contract for the erection of
same. Work on the foundation has
already begun. The blocks used in the construction will be
made here.

The number of "Home Comers"
to Rockcastle is by no means the
number expected, but this is attrib-
uted to the busy time of the
year, especially for the western
farmers and a large majority of
those who have left this country
and gone west are farmers.

We call attention to the speech
of the Hon. R. W. Miller, Demo-
cratic candidate for Congress in
this district, delivered on the un-
veiling of the Foster Statue at
Louisville during "Home Coming,"
which appears elsewhere in this issue.
It is a masterly effort.

WANTED:—Gentleman or Lady
with good reference, to travel by
rail or with rig, for a sum of \$250
000.00 capital. Salary \$1,072.00
per year and expenses; salary paid
weekly and expenses advanced.
Address, with stamp.

Jos. A. ALEXANDER,
Mt. Vernon, Ky.

NOTICE

Our Institute will be held begin-
ning Monday July 2nd. All teach-
ers holding certificates for this
county or those that expect to be
examined during the year are re-
quired to attend. Fee \$1.50.
Come without excuse.

G. M. BALLARD, County, Supt.

The people of Lancaster will
have an old time stock fair July 18
19 and 20. A fine band of music
has been engaged and good premiums
hung up for all classes of stock.
A genuine old fashioned welcome
will be given all, and a good time is insured. The grounds
are beautiful and every accommoda-
tion is right up to date.

Since the little fire of last Sun-
day week, which caused consider-
able excitement for a short time,
especially to the property owners
along South Main, it has been
agreed by a majority, if not all of them,
that they cover all buildings
with steel, which is indeed a wise
and most likely a beneficial move.
W. B. Smith in whose property the
fire originated has already started
the ball moving and we trust that
all others will do likewise as the
welfare of that side of the street de-
mands it.

There will be a Union Singing
at Brodhead Fair Grounds Wednes-
day July 4, 1906. Everybody invited
to attend and bring a basket full of dinner. There will be no
free for all dinner on the grounds.

Each class expected to furnish their
own dinners. A number of classes
have already told us that they
were coming. We hope to have at
least ten classes. The music will
not be restricted entirely to sacred
music. Every national air, quartet,
etc. will be appropriate and appreciative.

W. A. OWENS }
A. E. ALBRIGHT } Com.
G. OWENS }
JACOB ELDER }

COMPROMISED:—Mr. Martin, At-
torney for the L. & N. railroad,
was here yesterday and made settle-
ments with the administrators of
Geo. V. Ponder, P. W. Tharp and
Francis Weaver, the three Brod-
head boys who were killed in a
wreck in the Louisville yards some
weeks ago. The amount paid each
was \$5,000. In the case of Martin
Hilton, also of Brodhead, who was
killed in the same wreck, no settle-
ment was made, because of some
questions in litigation regarding
the administrator. Mrs. Weaver
was appointed administrator for
her husband, but in the case of
Tharp and Ponder we were un-
able to learn who the administrators
or administratrix are.

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Mt. Vernon, Ky.

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Court House.....1810

Legal hanging.....1841

Newspaper (SIGNAL).....1887

County Fair (Brodhead).....1896

Clerks office burned.....1871

New Court House built.....1873

New jail.....1887

LIVINGSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Drummond left
Sunday night for an eastern trip of
several weeks.—Mr. and Mrs. J.
W. Caswell returned Monday from
Louisville where Mr. Caswell has
been working.—Mrs. George Pope
returned from Paris Saturday where
she was called to the bedside of her
niece Mrs. W. T. Merimee.—Mr. and
Mrs. Joe Oliver and family have
returned from a visit to relatives
and friends at Lebanon Junction.—
Morris Brown, of Mt. Vernon, was
in town Monday.

Messrs. Harry Lee and John
Johnson spent Sunday in Lancas-
ter.—Miss Clyde Lear of Mt. Ver-
non is the charming guest of Miss
Lida Cook.—Hon. F. F. Bobbitt,
of Crab Orchard, was in town Sun-
day and Monday on business.—
Miss Lizzie Adams stopped over
one day at Mrs. G. D. Cook's on her
way to Mt. Vernon from Berea.—
Mr. Chas. Rice, Jr. spent a few
days with homefolk this week.—

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullins, of
Corbin, spent a few days this week
at the home of W. F. Tubbs.—The
ladies of the Christian church gave
an ice cream supper Monday eve-
ning which was well attended and
enjoyed by everyone. They real-
ized about thirty-five dollars.—Rev
and Mrs. Walton have returned
from a visit to Barbourville. Mr.
Walton filled his regular appoint-
ment.—Mrs. Ludlow Lambdin and
Mr. Elijah Longmire of Anderson
Ville, Tenn., are visiting at the
home of Mrs. Lambdin's brother
Frank Longmire.—Misses Mattie
McFerron and Mayme Jones were
guests of Mrs. W. J. Childress
Monday and Tuesday.

Master Ben Fishback is spending
a month in Louisville with relatives
and friends.—MARRIED:—Mr. Ludlow Lambdin and
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NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS.

SKETCH OF THE LOVELY WHITE HOUSE BRIDE OF THE DAYS OF GENERAL GRANT.

She Met Algernon Sartoris, Her Future Husband, on Shipboard on Return European Trip—is Mother of Three Children.

No American girl, not even President Roosevelt's daughter, ever had a more brilliant wedding than Nellie Grant, the beloved child of the great Civil War hero; yet of late years the public, which has always taken a kindly interest in Gen. Grant's family, has heard comparatively little of his only daughter.

When Mrs. Julia Dent Grant, widow of the President, was living, her daughter spent much time with her mother at the latter's home in the city of Washington, but since the death of her mother Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris can scarcely be said to have had a fixed residence in any American city. However, she has always been very fond of St. Louis, and she made her home in the Missouri metropolis during most of the time the recent World's Fair was in progress there.

Possibly the liking of Mrs. Sartoris for St. Louis is to be attributed to the fact that her birth, in August, 1855, occurred at her grandfather Dent's country home near St. Louis, the birthplace of her mother. When General Grant was elected President, and indeed during the first three years that he and his wife lived at the White House, the daughter was at school toward the close of President Grant's first term, however, Miss Nellie made her social debut at the Presidential mansion, and her cadet brother, home from West Point, was her escort and companion.

MET PRINCE CHARMING.

General Grant's daughter made a tour of Europe soon after she formally entered society, and everywhere received the most distinguished attentions from the royal families of Great Britain and the Continent. On the way home on the steamer Russia she met Mr. Sartoris, the Prince Charming who was later to win her heart and hand. From the moment that the engagement of Miss Grant was announced the whole American people manifested an interest in the bride-to-be which never found a parallel save in the enthusiasm for Alice Roosevelt.

The fact that the lucky man was an Englishman and not a citizen of the republic, while it was a matter of deep regret to many persons, including President Grant himself, was not allowed to cast a damper upon the joyous occasion. Mr. Algernon Sartoris was but twenty-three years of age and Miss Grant was only nineteen when, on Thursday, May 21, 1874, they were

Mrs. Grant accompanied the young couple to New York, whence they sailed for England.

BLESSED WITH CHILDREN.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris had three children, two daughters and a son. The son, who bears his father's name, Algernon, was for a time an officer in the United States army and saw some service in the Philippines, but his health compelled the abandonment of a military career. During the past few years he has traveled extensively, and some months ago was married to a very beautiful young woman in Paris. The eldest daughter, Vivian, was married a year or two since, but the younger daughter, Rosemary, the beauty of the family, is still unmarried. Some months since much discussion was precipitated when it was rumored that she was engaged to the son of one of the Confederate generals who fought against General Grant in the campaigns of the Civil War.

Mrs. Nellie Grant Sartoris is a woman who has always been held in high esteem by a large circle of feminine friends. From her school days she has seemed to inspire the regard of members of her own sex, and some idea of her popularity may be formed from the fact that on the occasion of her wedding she was attended by eighteen bridesmaids, all gowned alike. Mrs. Sartoris is several years younger than her famous brother, Gen. Fred D. Grant, of the United States Army, but her birthday was three years earlier than that of Jesse Grant, the youngest member of this famous family.

A LUXURIOUS AUTO.

Capt. Lars Anderson's Wonderful Machine of French Manufacture.

Of all the automobiles ever turned out by French or other manufacturers, the one lately made for Capt. Lars Anderson, of Boston, seems to be entitled to the prize for originality. It is a huge machine fitted up for long journeys and in point of speed equals any of the present-day touring cars. The Anderson car is fitted out with reversible furniture. There is a combination bed and bureau that is certainly a work of art, and then there is a cook stove and dining table arrangement that can be hauled out at a moment's notice. The whole machine, in fact, is a kind of miniature hotel on wheels with accommodations for eating, sleeping, working or idling, according to the fancy of the owner or his guests.

A Family Affair.

"Once upon a time there lived a good man of New York, who was soliciting contributions for the erection of an orphan asylum," said the story teller. "He had been to many rich people and received liberal contri-

BEET-SUGAR GROWING.

GOVERNMENT REPORT SHOWS HEALTHY GROWTH IN NEW AMERICAN INDUSTRY.

Colorado Leads—Industry Everywhere Proving a Powerful Aid to Agricultural, Industrial and Social Development.

In spite of apparent efforts to cripple or kill it off, the beet-sugar industry of the United States is making steady progress.

Congress has just received the annual report of Special Agent Charles F. Taylor of the Department of Agriculture on the status of the beet-sugar industry for last year. Fifty-two beet-sugar factories were in operation, five were standing idle, and 12 were being constructed for operation this

This showing of the Department of Agriculture, while it makes a comparatively small inroad upon the vast consumption of sugar in the more densely populated region east of the Mississippi, yet indicates that the young beet-sugar industry is making substantial progress, and that considering the uncertainty of legislation and the great cost of beet-sugar factory investments, very satisfactory advances are being made in this new American enterprise.

TEN ACRE FARMS.

Pending Bill Allows Government to Cut up Homesteads into Small Tracts.

The tendency of the times is to encourage better farming and in smaller areas. It is coming to be recognized that the proportion is small of farms which are thoroughly tilled and made

UNLOADING
SUGAR
BEETS ON-
TO THE
FACTORY
CARS.



TWELFTH
CONSECUTIVE CROP
AT LEHI,
UTAH.

year. The factories last year had a total capacity for slicing 40,050 tons of beets daily.

In the acreage planted and the sugar manufactured from beets Colorado leads, having harvested 85,000 acres and manufactured 91,000 tons of sugar. Michigan came second in acreage with 77,000 acres, but third in sugar with 66,000 tons. California grew 51,000 acres and produced 73,000 tons of sugar. The next states in order were respectively Utah, Idaho, Nebraska and Wisconsin with a total of 71,000 acres and 64,000 tons of sugar. Other states grew 17,000 acres of beets, producing about 17,000 tons of sugar, or a total for the United States of 307,364 acres with a production of 312,920 tons of sugar.

RAPID GROWTH LOOKED FOR.

Indications are favorable, the report states, to the further growth of this pursuit both in irrigation and rain districts. "The industry is proving to be a powerful aid to commercial, agricultural and industrial development. It promotes irrigation, immigration, land settlement, the building of railroads and trolley lines, the making of other improvements, and the upbuilding of various industrial enterprises. Such results can only be appreciated by those who have visited the factory districts in Colorado, Utah and Idaho, or in other newly settled and improved areas throughout the West. The beneficial effect of the industry is also shown in the better settled, more highly developed agricultural districts of the East, where, after beets have been given a proper trial in competition with established crops, they are demonstrating their staying qualities and potency in industrial development."

GROWS MORE THAN IT EATS.

One feature of this report is a series of tables accompanied with outline maps designed to show graphically the magnitude of sugar production in that part of the country lying west of the Mississippi River. These indicate that the estimated production of sugar west of the Mississippi in 1906 will exceed by 24,000 tons the amount of sugar consumed in the same area in 1900 (the latest year for which we have reliable census figures). The estimate of production for 1906 is made by assuming that all the beet-sugar factories, including 10 new ones, will run at their full capacity for campaigns of 100 days, and that the cane sugar product for 1906 will be the same as that of last year."

TABLE SHOWING PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF SUGAR IN STATES WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Estimated cane sugar, 1906. 698,880,000 Pounds.
Estimated beet sugar, 1906. 783,200,000

Estimated total sugar produced, 1906. 1,482,080,000

Total sugar consumed, 1906. 1,433,929,505

Excess of production over consumption. 48,150,405

The amount of beet-sugar which will be produced in factories east of the Mississippi during this year, if run at their full capacity, will also equal about 17 per cent. of the consumption of sugar in the trans-Mississippi area.

to produce the maximum yield of which the land is capable. A few years ago the man who would have said that 10 acres of farm land was a sufficient area for a man to make a good living from would have been looked upon as a crank. Now there are thousands of little 10 acre and even 5 acre farms from which men are making more money than many others are from attempting to till 20 times that amount. That 10 acres, under favorable conditions, will produce a living is recognized in a bill which has just been passed by the House of Representatives and which will likely be passed by the Senate at this session. It is an amendment to the National Irrigation Law. Under that law the homestead entry upon public land irrigated by the government ranges from 40 to 160 acres, to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, according to the conditions of the reclamation. It was recognized, at the time of the passage of the law in '92, that in some sections of the country 40 acres was an ample area for a farm. It is now seen, and admitted in the bill above mentioned that 10 acres is not too small a subdivision under favorable conditions. Another amendment was recently made to the irrigation law allowing the government to establish town-sites and divide the land thereunder up into various sized tracts ranging from town-lots to 10 acre allotments. When this bill is now before the Senate becomes a law it will therefore be possible for the government, in any of its irrigation projects to divide and subdivide its land into town and farm units ranging all the way from lots up to 100 acre farms.

MODEL RURAL SETTLEMENTS.

This plan will doubtless develop some of the finest examples of prosperous rural communities to be found anywhere in the world. Many of the best developed sections of some of the western states include great numbers of little farms and fruit ranches of 5, 10 and 20 acres each, where the appearance is almost like the outskirts of a village. With such a dense rural population there is an ideal combination of practically all the advantages to be found in city life and the splendid results of country work and living. Houses, in such a community, are almost within a stone's throw of each other, the population is sufficiently large to support splendid roads, good school and churches, water and lighting improvements, good sewerage, etc. Thus the lonesomeness, the isolation and the many unattractive features of the big farm disappear while yet the joys and the wholesomeness of country life are all present.

The report accompanying this bill states that since the passage of the irrigation act, it has developed that on some of the lands to be irrigated, particularly those in fruit and truck farming districts, less than 40 acres is needed for the support of the family, and in fact experience has demonstrated that the average farmer is more prosperous on small than on a large irrigated farm. In view of this condition of affairs it has been deemed wise to reduce to 10 acres the minimum entry which may be allowed.



MRS. NELLIE GRANT SARTORIS.

joined in wedlock in the East Room of the White House in the presence of more than two hundred distinguished persons, including the representatives of the foreign governments, officers of the army and navy, etc.

Mr. Sartoris had been educated in England and Germany and was the son of Mr. Edward Sartoris, of Hampshire, England, and his wife, Adelaide Kemble, daughter of Charles and sister of Fanny Kemble, well known to the stage. Prior to the marriage the groom assured General Grant of his entire willingness to reside with his bride in the United States, but soon after the wedding his brother in England died most unexpectedly and he was virtually obliged to return to his native land to assume the management of the family estates. President and

buttons, which were entered in a book he had for that purpose. Among these many names there appeared, "Mrs. Russell Sage, \$25." The good man went to Mr. Sage's office, and, showing him the contribution entered in the book by Mrs. Sage, asked if he could not give a like sum. And what do you suppose he did?"

"Well, I suppose he at least doubled it," remarked a listener. "Doubled it! Not Russell!" exclaimed the teller of the story. "Why, he simply took his pen and wrote 'Mr. and' before his wife's name, and handed the book back to the good man."—Harpers Weekly.

The railway ton mileage of the South in 1882 was one-eighteenth of the whole and in 1905 was one-seventh



CHAPTER I.

The great bell of Beaulieu was ringing. Far away through the forest might be heard its musical clang and swell. Peat cutters on Blackdown and fishers upon the Exe heard the distant throbbing and falling upon the sultry summer air. It was a common sound in those parts—as common as the chatter of the jays and the booming of the bittern. Yet the fishers and the peasants raised their heads and looked questions at each other, for the Angelus had already gone and Vespers was still far off. Why should the great bell of Beaulieu toll when the shadows were neither hot nor long?

All round the Abbey the monks were trooping in. Under the long, green-paved avenues of gnarled oaks and of lieheened beeches the white-robed brothers gathered to the sound. It had been no sudden call. A swift messenger had the night before sped round to the outlying dependencies of the Abbey, and had left the summons for every monk to be back in the cloisters by the third hour after noon-tide. So urgent a message had not been issued within the memory of old Lay-Brother Athanasius, who had cleaned the knocker since the year after the Battle of Bannockburn.

Meanwhile, in the broad and lofty chamber set apart for occasions of import, the Abbot himself was pacing impatiently backward and forward, with his long, white, nervous hands clasped in front of him. His thin, thoughtworn features and sunken, haggard cheeks bespoke one who had indeed beaten down that inner foe whom every man must face, but had none the less suffered sorely in the contest. In crushing his passions he had well-nigh crushed himself. Yet, frail as was his person, there gleamed out ever and anon from under his drooping brows a dash of fierce energy which recalled to men's minds that he came of a fighting stock, and that even now his twin brother, Sir Bartholomew Berghersh, was one of the most famous of those stern warriors who had planted the Cross of St. George before the gates of Paris. With lips compressed and clouded brow, he strode up and down the oaken floor, the very impersonation of asceticism, while the great bell still thundered and clanged above his head. At last the uproar died away in three last measured throbs, and ere their echo had ceased the Abbot struck a small gong which summoned a lay-brother to his presence.

"Where is the master of the novices?"

"He is without, most holy father."

"Send him hither." The sandalled feet clattered over the wooden floor, and the iron-bound door creaked upon its hinges. In a few moments it opened again to admit a short, square monk with a heavy, composed face and authoritative manner.

"You have sent for me, holy father?"

"Yes, Brother Jerome, I wish that this matter be disposed of with as little scandal as may be; and yet it is needful that the example should be a public one."

"It would perchance be best that the novices be not admitted," suggested the master. "This mention of a woman may turn their minds from their pious meditations to worldly and evil thoughts."

"Woman! woman!" groaned the Abbot. "Well has the holy Chrys-

ostume termed them radix malorum. From Eve downward, what good hath come from any of them? Who brings the plaint?"

"It is Brother Ambrose."

"A holy and devout young man."

"A light and a pattern to every novice."

"Let the matter be brought to an issue, then, according to our old-time monastic habit. Bid the sub-chancellor send out to them Thomas the lector to read unto them from the 'Gesta beati Benedicti.' It may save them from foolish and pernicious babbling."

The Abbot was left to himself once more, and bent his thin gray face over his illuminated breviary. So he remained while the senior monks filed slowly and sedately into the chamber, seating themselves upon the long oaken benches which lined the wall on either side. At the further end, in two high chairs as large as that of the Abbot, though hardly so elaborately carved, sat the master of the novices and the chancellor, the latter a broad and portly priest, with dark, mirthful eyes and a thick outgrowth of crisp black hair all round his tonsured head. Between them stood a lean, white-faced brother who appeared to be ill at ease, shifting his feet from side to side and tapping his chin with the long parchment roll which he held in his hand. The Abbot, from his point of vantage, looked down on the two long rows of faces, placid and sun-browned for the most part, with large bovine eyes and unlined features and the chancellor, the latter a broad and portly priest, with dark, mirthful eyes and a thick outgrowth of crisp black hair all round his tonsured head. Between them stood a lean, white-faced brother who appeared to be ill at ease, shifting his feet from side to side and tapping his chin with the long parchment roll which he held in his hand. The Abbot, from his point of vantage, looked down on the two long rows of faces, placid and sun-browned for the most part, with large bovine eyes and unlined features

HORDLE JOHN.

which told of their easy, unchanging existence. Then he turned his eager gaze upon the pale-faced monk who faced him.

"This plaint is thine, as I learn, Brother Ambrose," said he. "Bring in Brother John, and let him hear the plaints urged against him."

At this order a lay-brother swung open the door, and two other lay-brothers entered, leading between them a young novice of the order. He was a man of huge stature, dark-eyed and red-headed, with a peculiar half-humorous, half-defiant expression upon his bold, well-marked features. His cowl was thrown back upon his shoulders, and his gown, unfastened



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at the top, disclosed a round sinewy neck, ruddy and corded like the bark of the fir. Thick muscular arms, covered with a reddish down, protruded from the wide sleeves of his habit, while his white shirt, looped up upon one side, gave a glimpse of a huge knotty leg, scarred and torn with the scratches of brambles. With a bow to the Abbot, which had in it perhaps more pleasant than reverence, the novice strode across to the carved prie-dieu which had been set apart for him, and stood silent and erect, with his hand upon the gold bell which was used in the private prisons of the Abbot's own household. His dark eyes glanced rapidly over the assembly, and finally settled with a grim and menacing twinkle upon the face of his acuser.

The chamberlain rose, and having slowly unrolled the parchment-scroll, proceeded to read it out in a thick and pompous voice, while a subdued rustle and movement among the brothers spoke the interest with which they followed the proceedings.

"Charges brought upon the second Thursday after the feast of the Assumption, in the year of our Lord thirteen hundred and sixty-six, against Brother John, formerly known as Hordle John, or John of Hordle, but now a novice in the holy monastic order of the Cistercians. Read upon the same day at the Abbey of Beauclerc in the presence of the most reverend Abbot Berghersh and of the assembled order.

"The charges against the said Brother John are the following, namely, to wit:

"First, that on the above-mentioned feast of the Assumption, small beer having been served to the novices in the proportion of one quart to each four, the said Brother John did drain the pot at one draught, to the detriment of Brother Paul, Brother Porphyry, and Brother Ambrose, who could scarce eat their none-meal of salted stock-fish, on account of their exceeding dryness."

"At this solemn indictment the novice raised his hand and twitched his lip, while even the placid senior brothers glanced across at each other and coughed to cover their amusement. The Abbot alone sat gray and immutable, with a drawn face and a brooding eye."

"Item, that having been told by the master of the novices that he should restrict his food for two days to a single three-pound loaf of bran and beans, for the greater honoring and glorifying of St. Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, he was heard by brother Ambrose and others to say

"Your eyes were upon your temples, how came ye to see this sinne of which ye prat? A week in your cells, false brethren, a week of rye bread and lentis, with double Lauds and double Matins, may help ye to a remembrance of the laws under which ye live."

"At this sudden outburst of wrath the two witnesses sank their faces on their chests, and sat as men crushed. The Abbot turned his angry eyes away from them and bent them upon the accused, who met his searching gaze with a firm and composed face.

"What hast thou to say, Brother John, upon these weighty things which are urged against thee?"

"Little enough, good father, little enough!" said the novice. "For the matter of the ale, I had come in hot from the fields and had scarce got the taste of the thing before mine eye lit upon the bottom of the pot. It may be, too, that I spoke somewhat shortly concerning the bran and the beans, the same being poor provender and unfit for a man of my inches. It is true also that I did lay my hands upon this jack-fool of a Brother Ambrose, though as you can see, I did him little scathe. As regards the maid, too, it is true that I did heft her over the stream, she having on her bosom and shoon, whilst I had but my wooden sandals, which could take no hurt from the water. I should have thought shame upon my manhood, as well as my monkhood, if I had held back my hand from her." He glanced around as he spoke with the half-amused look which he had worn during the whole proceedings.

"There is no need to go further," said the Abbot. "He has confessed to all. It only remains for me to portion out the punishment which is due to his evil conduct."

He rose and the two long lines of brothers followed his example, looking sideways with scared faces at the angry prelate.

"John of Hordle," he thundered, "you have shown yourself during the two months of your novitiate to be a recranted monk, and one who is unworthy to wear the white garb which is the outer symbol of the spotless spirit. The severe shame therefore be stripped from thee, and thou shalt be cast into the outer world without benefit of clerkship, and without let or part in the graces and blessings of those who dwell under the care of the blessed Benedict. Thou shalt come back neither to Beauclerc nor to any of the granges of Beauclerc, and thy name shall be struck off the scrolls of Our Rocamadour."

"Art ready, then, fair son?" said the Abbot. "This is indeed a day of coming and goings. It is strange that in one twelve hours the Abbey should have cast off its foulest weed, and should now lose what we are fain to look upon as our choicest blossom."

"You speak too kindly, father," the youth answered. "If I had my will I should never go forth, but should end my days here in Beauclerc. It hath been my home as far back as my mind can carry me, and it is a sore thing for me to have to leave it."

"Life brings many a cross," said the Abbot gently. "Who is without it? Your going forth is a grief to us as

insurrection so sudden, so short, and so successful, yet the Abbot Berghersh was a man of too stern a grain to allow one bold outbreak to impeach the settled order of his great household. In a few hot and bitter words he compared their false brother's exit to the expulsion of our first parents from the garden, and more than hinted that unless a reformation occurred some others of the community might find themselves in the same evil and perilous case. Having thus pointed the moral and reduced his flock to a fitting state of docility, he dismissed them once more to their labors and withdrew himself to his own private chamber, there to seek spiritual aid in the discharge of the duties of his high office.

The Abbot was still on his knees, when a gentle tapping at the door of his cell broke in upon his orisons. Listening in no very good humor at the interruption, he gave the word to enter; but his look of impatience softened down into a pleasant and paternal smile as his eyes fell upon his visitor.

He was a thin-faced, yellow-haired youth, rather above the middle size, comely and well shaped, with straight lie figure and eager boyish features. His clear, pensive gray eye, and quick, delicate expression, spoke of a nature which had unfolded far from the boisterous joys and sorrows of the world. Yet there was a set of the mouth and a prominence of the chin which relieved him of any trace of effeminacy. Impulsive he might be, enthusiastic, sensitive, with something sympathetic and adaptive in his disposition; but an observer of nature's tokens would have confidently pledged himself that there was native firmness and strength underlying his gentle, monk-bred ways.

The youth was not clad in monastic garb, but in lay attire, though his cloak, hose and hose were all of a sombre hue, as besetted one who dwelt in sacred precincts. A broad leather strap hanging from his shoulder supported a scrip or satchel such as travellers were wont to carry. In one hand he grasped a thick staff pointed and shod with metal, while in the other he held a coif or bonnet, which bore in its front a broad pewter medal stamped with the image of Our Lady of Rocamadour.

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WITH A SHOUT HE TORE UP THE HEAVY OAKEN PRIE-DIEU.

that he wished twenty thousand devils would fly away with the said Monica, mother of the holy Augustine, or any other saint who came between a man and his meat. Item, that upon Brother Ambrose reproving him for his blasphemous wish, he did hold the said brother face downward over the piscatorium or fish-pond for a space during which the said brother was able to repeat a Pater and four Aves for the better fortifying of his soul against impending death.

There was a buzz and murmur among the white-frocked brethren at this grave charge; but the Abbot held up his long quivering hand. "What then?" said he.

"Item, that between Nones and Vespers on the feast of James the Less the said Brother John was observed upon the Brokhenhurst road, near the spot which is known as Hatchett's Pond, in converse with a person of the other sex, being a maiden of the name of Mary Sowley, the daughter of the king's verderer. Item, that after sundry japes and jokes the said Brother John did lift up the said Mary Sowley and did take, carry, and convey her across a stream to the infinite relish of the devil and the exceeding detriment of his own soul, which scandalous and wilful fleeing away was witnessed by three members of our order."

A dead silence throughout the room, with a rolling of heads and upturning of eyes, bespoke the plough horror of the community. The Abbot drew his gray brows low over his fiercely questioning eyes.

"Who can vouch for this thing?" he said.

"That can I," answered the accuser. "Two can. Brother Porphyry, who spilt me, and Brother Mark of the stirrup, who hath been so much sight'd inwardly to bled by the thought; he now lies in a fever

and thanked his sweetly upon him so can Brother I can vouch it, and 'Cant thou?" Porphyry."

"A high, tempestuous the Abbot, in thou so? Hast forged tone. 'Cant and-thirtieth rule of 't is that the five in the presence of a man the face cast down? Hast forged it, I say?"

Never had the peaceful atmosphere of the old Cistercian house been so rudely ruffled. Never had there been

overshadowed by evil. The young novice, however, appeared to have other thoughts, for his eyes sparkled and his smile broadened. It needed but to add fresh fuel to the fiery mood of the prelate.

"So much for the spiritual punishment!" he cried. "But it is to the grosser feelings that we must turn in such natures as thine, and as thou art no longer under the shield of holy church, to the last difficulty, no, there is lay-sister Francis, Nona, Joseph-size him and bind his arms! Drag him forth, and let the foresters and the porters scourge him from the precincts!"

These three brothers advanced toward him to carry out the Abbot's direc-tion, the smile faded from the novice's face, like a bull at a baiting, then, with a sudden deep-cheated shout, he tore up the heavy oaken prie-dieu, and began to stand, taking two steps backward, while that none might take him at a vantage, that none might take him at a vantage.

"By the black rood of Waltham!" he roared, "if any knave among you lays a finger-end upon the edge of my gown, I will crush his skull like a Albert!" With his thick-knotted arms, his thundering voice, and his bristling red hair, there was something so repellent in the man that the three brothers flew back at the very glare of him; and the two rows of white monks strained away from him like poplars in the tempest. The Abbot only sprang forward with shining eyes; but the chancillon and the master hung upon either arm and wrested him out of danger's way.

"He is possessed of a devil," they shouted. "Run, Brother Ambrose, Brother Joachim! Call Hugh of the Mill, and Woodman Wat, and Raoul with his arbalest and bolts! Tell them that we are in fear of our lives! Run, run, for the love of the Virgin!"

But the novice was a strategist as well as a man of action. Springing forward, he buried his unwieldy weapon at Brother Ambrose, and as desk and monk clattered onto the floor together, he sprang through the open door and down the winding stairs. Sleepy old Brother Athanasius, at the porter's cell, had a twirling vision of twirling feet and flying skirts; but before he had time to rub his eyes, the recreant had passed the lodge, and was speeding as fast as his sandals could patter along the Lyndhurst road.

CHAPTER II.

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**DOUBLE AMERICA'S
COTTON CROP.**
Charting Results of Patented Experiments by
Government Agriculturists.

GUY ELLIOTT MITCHELL

Cotton Illustrations by Courtesy Department of Agriculture.
With the cotton crop of the United States reaching an annual value of nearly \$600,000,000 it is easy to see that the man who can make it worth four or five cents a pound more to the grower will put a few dollars of spending money into the pockets of the southern planters.

This improvement of the crop has been realized, and there is no reason why in ten years from now the whole of the cotton belt should not be growing a longer staple cotton worth on the average of 4½ cents a pound more than the present crop. Of course this millennial condition of things will not be altogether realized. That there will be a decided and general advance in the value of the crop as the result of work already done by the Agricul-

ture Department is certain. But there are always the factors of ignorance, indifference and prejudice to be reckoned with, and that will hold down the grand total of the advance.

This is human nature. Otherwise every one would be raising thoroughbred stock, cats and chickens, which cost no more to feed and rear than scrub, but everyone does not breed thoroughbreds, whether they be dogs or cows, and so it is a certainty that when the average of the cotton crop is vastly improved by the use of better seed there will be a large number of planters who are sticking to the old methods and complaining because they find it hard to make a living.

SEVERAL NEW STRAINS.

It is a fact, however, that the Department of Agriculture has, by several years of persistent work, bred from the old varieties of cotton raised in the south several new strains of cotton that, while having all the desirable qualities of the old types, produce a staple that is almost a half longer. It is just one branch of the general industry of plant breeding, and the result, as shown by the cotton itself combed out in fleecy whiteness on a black card, is a striking object lesson in the possibilities of plant breeding.

The Department has been at the work for some years, and in the course of its experiments has handled thousands of samples and hundreds of thousands of individual plants in making the selections that are now considered good enough to be sent out as new fixed types. The story of this improvement is a long one, interspersed with many disappointments. But the result now is success beyond contradiction. Northerners, people who live outside the cotton belt, do not realize just what a long-staple cotton grown on the uplands means. Cotton is our principal export crop. It is the second most valuable crop grown in the United States, corn coming first. It is the principal crop of ten states, and in large areas of these states it's almost the only crop grown. The United States furnishes five-sixths of the cotton crop of the whole world, and while there are great areas, especially in Africa, that are adaptable to cotton, there is no prospect that the United States will be overtaken as a producer for many years to come. The world's consumption of cotton and the consequent demand are increasing steadily, so that there is little prospect of over-production. All these things are in our favor. Then comes the question of improving this great crop.

Outsiders do not realize that an eighth of an inch on the length of the

A COTTON PLANT IMPROVED BY SELECTION.

cotton, and the department not only knows the seed that will give best results, but the condition of soil and climate that are best suited to each strain.

IF FARMERS WILL HELP.

The farmers at large can help greatly in keeping up the work that has been given a practical start by the department. There are simple methods of seed selection that will insure a steady improvement in each successive crop, and that will prevent the crops from deteriorating. The selection of seed takes a little care and intelligence, but it is not deeply abstruse work, and the department has reduced it to simple directions that are easy for any planter to follow.

The "cotton belt," so called, in the United States is clearly defined. Cot-

ton and the planters will co-operate with the department to even a reasonable degree the value of the whole cotton crop in the United States can be vastly enhanced without planting a single additional acre, and there will still be enough land available in the cotton belt to assure the United States of its supremacy in the cotton world for many years to come.

Cream Separator on the Farm.

It has been only a few years since the manufacturers of separators brought out hand machines with the definite purposes of making them popular and selling them in large numbers, says the Farmer's Wife in a well-considered editorial. From that time to this they have gained friends, and now it is rare to hear anyone say anything against them, and when this does happen one may be sure it comes from some person who has been injured by their use, and this is never the man who provides.

The hand separator has so many advantages over the creamery separator that the whole creamery business is being revolutionized and re-

ceived.

It has been tedious work, and has been carried on systematically. "Score cards" such as are used in judging at stock shows are kept. The records of the individual plants are known, the shape and opening qualities of the boll, the date of maturing, the length and firmness of the cotton fiber and the degree to which the parent plant may be depended upon to transmit its desirable qualities to its progeny. The work has been done in the open field and not in the carefully tended plots of the experiment stations. Thousands of plants have been destroyed each year, and only the best types kept. These have again been weeded out the following year, and only the best of the breed have been kept. The farmers who have been co-operating with the department in the work have been as a rule careful, enthusiastic and painstaking under the direction of the experts sent into the field by the department, and slowly but surely the length of the staple and other desirable qualities in the new cotton have increased, till the department now feels it has a new and fixed type that can be depended on to perpetuate its desirable qualities.

One thing that has been carefully observed is to keep growing the new types on the ground where they will be cultivated commercially. There are several new strains adapted to slightly different conditions of soil and climate. It has been found in the case of wheat, for example, that a strain may be improved in one locality, and that by moving it to new surroundings it shows little, if any, improvement over the local type. This error has been avoided with the new

types.

It is hard to find a place to begin to enumerate their advantages. In the item of traveling to the creamery there is a great saving. Where the dairy owner has one of these machines, he need not go to the creamery more than three times a week in the warm weather and twice in a week during the colder months.

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UNITED STATES RECLAMATION.

Plowing by Co-Operative Traction Engines.

By G. J. Blanchard.

A million acres will be added to the cultivatable area of the country during the next three years, under the various government irrigation projects. Most of this acreage is raw land upon which the plow has never turned a furrow. Thousands of new settlers will be located there and for several years the principal work will be clearing, leveling, and plowing, to prepare the land to receive the water.

Over vast stretches the sage brush is the only vegetation. In other places the bunch grass makes a tough sod, unyielding and hard to break. The subjugation to agriculture of this new empire has attracted the attention of manufacturers of implements and machinery. They see in this work a virgin field for the products of their factories. As most of the settlers going upon this land are not in affluent circumstances, and as feed for stock will be scarce and costly, any proposition which will eliminate the necessity for the purchase of horses, plows and forage will naturally prove interesting.

It has occurred to the writer that in

men than he is in the service, but he stuck to them through thick and thin and they appreciate it." The frequency with which men state this as a reason for success is significant. It shows that the man of the hour is the faithful man, the man who makes his employers' interests his own and whose loyalty never waivers.

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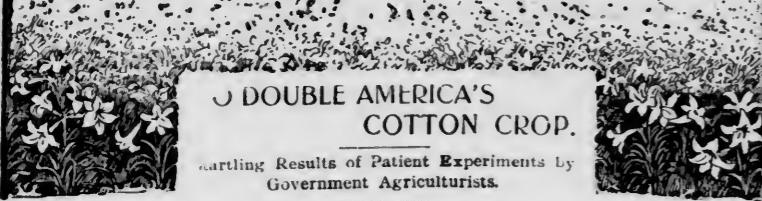
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